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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 34-43 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24,27,28,30 and 31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 25,26 and 29 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 24, 27-28, 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baranowsky, II et al. (US PAT: 5,732,359, hereinafter Baranowsky) in view of Kaibo (Nikkei communications, 10-19-1998, pp 94-105).

Regarding claim 24, Baranowsky discloses the following: registering positions of the respective mobile stations in system groupings to which respective mobile stations correspond, storing information about the registration information of a position of one mobile station at a memory address specified by the corresponding mobile station, storing information for identifying the other mobile station at the specified memory address, retrieving information about position registration at a memory address specified for any of the mobile stations according to the incoming request sent from the public telephone network, retrieving information for identifying the other mobile station, which is stored at the memory address for the corresponding registration information, when an incoming call is undeliverable to the corresponding mobile station depending upon registration information, delivering an incoming call to the other mobile station according to retrieved information (figs. 1-9, col. 4, line 15- col. 16, line 19).

Regarding claim 32, Baranowsky discloses the following: registering positions of respective mobile stations in system groupings to which the respective mobile stations

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correspond, storing information about the registration of a position of one mobile station at a memory address specified for the corresponding mobile station, storing information for identifying the other mobile station at the specified memory address, retrieving information about a position registration at a memory address specified for the two mobile stations according to the incoming request sent from the public telephone network, originating calls for two mobile stations and connecting the same to a mobile station answered in advance, when the position registration information for both mobile stations is stored as a result of the retrieval (figs. 1-9, col. 4, line 15- col. 16, line 19).

Baranowsky differs from claims 24 and 32 in that he does not explicitly teach the following: a satellite-based system for mobile stations.

However, Kaibo discloses the following: a satellite-based system for mobile stations (pages 7-19).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Baranowsky's system to provide for the following: a satellite-based system for mobile stations as this arrangement would facilitate to service the calls to the users located anywhere in the world as taught by Kaibo.

Regarding claims 27-28, 33, Baranowsky teaches the following: setting a preferentially connected mobile station, wherein the position registration information retrieving step retrieves information about a position registration at a memory address specified for set mobile station, when a preferentially connected mobile station is designated by the calling side having issued an incoming request, the position

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registration information retrieves information about a position registration at a memory address specified for the mobile station (col. 8, line 21 – col. 16, line 19).

Baranowsky differs from claims 30-31 in that he does not teach the following: billing system for charging to the call, plurality of satellite based systems and a plurality of ground based systems, and effecting connection control on the corresponding mobile station by any system subjected to the position registration information according to an incoming request.

However, Kaibo discloses the following: billing system for charging to the call, plurality of satellite based systems and a plurality of ground based systems, and effecting connection control on the corresponding mobile station by any system subjected to the position registration information according to an incoming request (pages 7-19).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Baranowsky's system to provide for the following: billing system for charging to the call as this arrangement would facilitate billing thus keeping track of the calls, and plurality of satellite based systems and a plurality of ground based systems, and effecting connection control on the corresponding mobile station by any system subjected to the position registration information according to an incoming request as this arrangement would facilitate to service the calls to the users located anywhere in the world as taught by Kaibo.

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2. Claims 25-26 and 29 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
3. Claims 34-43 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (571)272-8098. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 Hr schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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